

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

December 16, 2005

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

GTSAC MEMBERS

Robert Morris, Chair
Michael Prince
Linda Scarpetta
Dwight Sinila
F/Lt. Thad Peterson
Ron Wilson
John Friend
Pamela Hall
Chief David Stamm
Sheriff Al Byam
Steven Puuri

REPRESENTING

Office of the Governor
Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Department of Community Health (MDCH)
Department of Education (MDE)
Department of State Police (MSP)
Department of State (DOS)
Department of Transportation (MDOT)
for Cherie Mollison – Office of Services to the Aging (OSA)
Local Representative – Michigan Association of Chief's of Police
Local Representative – Michigan Sheriff's Association
Local Representative – Road Commission Association

STAFF

Sue Joseph

ACTION TEAMS

Homer Smith/MADD-Michigan	Alcohol/Drug Impaired Driving
Jim Culp/MDOT	Decision Making Process and Information Systems – Traffic Records Coordinating Council
Kathy Farnum/OHSP	Decision Making Process and Information Systems – Process Evaluation
Gary Bubar/AAA	Drivers Ages 24 and Younger Action Team
Kim Lariviere/MDOT	Elderly Mobility Action Team
Lisa Grost/MDCH	Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Team
Paul Steinman/MDOT	Work Zone Safety Action Team

GUESTS

Debra Alfonso
Jack Benac
Lance Binoniemi
Sgt. Matt Bolger
Eric Bombery
Angie Dietlein
Bob Felt
Glorietta Flakes
Sandy Liddle
Jeff Mitchell
Dave Morena
Ramona Putman
Anne Readett
Alicia Sledge
Sydney Smith
Dave Wallace

REPRESENTING

MDOT
Michigan Department of Information Technology (MDIT)
Michigan Licensed Beverage Association
MSP/Executive Division
Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
Michigan Center for Rural Health
MDOT/Office of Communications
DOS
Office of Financial and Insurance Services
Van Buren County Road Commission
Federal Highway Administration
DOS
OHSP
OHSP
MSP/Criminal Justice Information Center
Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Robert Morris. Roll call of GTSAC members and introductions completed.

Public Comment/Announcement Items

No public comment.

Approval of GTSAC October 28, 2005 Minutes

The October 28, 2005, minutes were approved. **Motion made by Steve Puuri to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Ron Wilson. Motion passed.**

Reports/Updates

Chair Report – Robert Morris

Thanks to everyone involved with the GTSAC to help move the issues and Action Team plans forward.

Legislative Report – Sgt. Matt Bolger

Sergeant Bolger highlighted the handout document regarding traffic safety legislative issues.

GTSAC Commissioner Update

Community Health – Linda Scarpetta

Linda Scarpetta distributed the Child Passenger Safety Action Plan. The Action Team is seeking to expand membership. Any interested parties should contact Heather Hockanson of MDCH for further information. A letter of support was requested from the GTSAC to accompany a grant application. Letter will be completed by MDCH and forwarded to OHSP to obtain signature of the Chair. An update on the booster seat issue was given.

Education – Dwight Sinila

The revision of PA 187 – Pupil Transportation Bill is moving forward. In cooperation with OHSP and a group of individuals discussing the school bus safety issue, an informational brochure is being developed to publicize awareness of the red/yellow school bus light system.

State – Ron Wilson

A Driver Education Advisory Committee, developed by Secretary Land, has been meeting regularly. Grant requests from non-commercial Motorcycle Safety Programs are currently in the development stages for 2006 training. Secretary Land will be in attendance at the Traffic Safety Summit to present the Richard H. Austin Long-Term Award.

State Police – F/Lt. Thad Peterson

Advanced Crash Investigation trainings are being scheduled during 2006 for local police departments. An aggressive driving web-site has been developed and will soon be announced in a news release.

Transportation – John Friend

Work Zone speed limit studies have been conducted and will reflect a signage change for the 2006 construction season. The work zone signage will state 45 mph where workers present. SAFTEA-LU requirement made it necessary to name a MDOT – Safe Routes to School coordinator. When all the details are determined in relation to this new position, collaboration efforts can be discussed at a future GTSAC meeting.

OSA – Pamela Hall

Michigan's Senior Transportation Network: An Analysis of Transportation Services for Older Adults in Michigan booklet was distributed. At a Washington meeting last week, the Senior Mobility issue was moved from a low priority level up to number three on the national level.

OHSP – Michael Prince

YDDYL enforcement mobilization will be conducted over the December holiday period. Traffic Safety Summit postcards have been mailed. The cost of registration for this event has been reduced to ease the economic burden on partners who wish to attend. The Korean Transportation Authority visited OHSP and MDOT on safety issues. MADD National is conducting a high-level Law Enforcement Summit in February to generate strategies to combat drunk-driving throughout the nation. Planning has already begun for large scale safety-belt efforts in Michigan during the Memorial Day mobilization.

Local Representation – Chief David Stamm – Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP)

MACP will hold the mid-Winter Training Conference on February 8-10, 2006, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. The MACP Traffic Safety Awards will be presented during this conference.

Local Representation – Sheriff Al Byam – Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA)

The special programs and funding become more important during the tough budget times. Need to search for opportunities to promote the various safety messages.

Local Representation – Steven Puuri – County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM)

Funding limitations for counties have forced counties to reduce services.

Action Team Reports

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety – Lisa Grost/MDCH

Many action team members and their respective agencies have the same action plan priorities which will help the team work more cooperatively and move the issue forward.

Drivers Ages 24 and Younger – Gary Bubar/AAA Michigan

Members of this action team are working closely with the DOS team working on many of the same issues. During 2006, the action team will continue to meet and work on the ideas and issues identified in the plan along with the development of a cheat sheet on GDL issues for law enforcement as a reference guide.

Lane Departure – Jim Culp/MDOT

Many activities have begun. Action team members and their respective departments are contributing funding for action plan activities to move forward.

Motorcycle Safety – Ron Wilson/DOS

Many thanks were given to the team members in relation to the work completed on the draft plan.

Work Zone Safety – Paul Steinman/MDOT

The action plan revealed the necessity for a communications component to inform the motoring public on work zone safety issues.

Elderly Mobility Safety – Kimberly Lariviere/MDOT

A report of the activities currently taking place in relation to the provided action plan was given.

GTSAC Administrative

Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Peer Review Meeting Update – Kathy Farnum/OHSP

A meeting took place in Phoenix, Arizona in November to discuss the progress of SHSP development among the states. A few states have final plans including their respective Governor's approval and endorsement of the plan. A handout of a proposal to form a work group to finalize the SHSP was disseminated. No objections were raised in relation to this proposal. The first meeting of the SHSP Work Group will be scheduled by Kathy Farnum, OHSP for early January.

GTSAC Award Recommendation and Approval – Anne Readett/OHSP

Thanks were extended to the Awards Committee participants for their time and review of all the nominations. A brief overview was given of the proposed winners. **Motion made by Dwight Sinila to approve the proposed winners. Motion seconded by Steve Puuri. Motion Passed.**

April 2006 Meeting Date Change – From April 28 to April 21 – Robert Morris, Chair

A room conflict has developed for the April meeting. No objections by GTSAC, meeting date will be changed.

Next Meeting is February 24, 2006 at Collins Road in the Presentation Room. Adjourn.